Vallejo Mine Worker

BENJAMIN AND ANN ELIZA VAN WAGONER HAIR

Benjamin Hair, son of Samuel Hair and Hannah Mulholland Hair. Born June 16, 1873, in Ayrshire, Parish of Galston, Scotland.

Married Ann Eliza Van Wagoner, November 10, 1897, in Salt Lake Temple. Died August 15, 1945, Provo.

Ann Eliza Van Wagoner, daughter of John Van Wagoner and Margaret Ann Fausett. Born February 24, 1877, Midway. Died March 14, 1919, Provo.

Benjamin Hair was the eighth child of his parents. He sailed for the USA with his father, mother, six living brothers and two sisters, landed in 1878, coming to Utah for the sake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They settled in Midway, in June 1878.

About 1901 he and others went to Brightons Lake to do prospect work for Jesse Knight and Robert Brighton. Later he worked in the "Valao Mine." He farmed his own land and was Water Master for the Midway Irrigation Company and served as Trustee for the Midway Town Board. He was Secretary of the Elders Quorum and of the Young Men's MIA and Assistant in the Superintendency of the Sunday School for about eight years.

Ann Eliza was an ardent church worker, serving as Sunday School Secretary, Young Women's MIA Secretary, Primary Aid and Chorister, and Genealogical teacher and Relief Society in 1914 while Emily Coleman was President. She often earned the money to help this great work move along and pay expenses while in Salt Lake to the Temple, through taking photographs, painting photos, trimming wedding cakes, dressmaking and millinery.

There were eight children born to these faithful parents, Delamar B., who married Zelma Dagmar Johnson; Hannah Margarette, married Lester Hanson; Eliza Donetta, married Neils Foster Anthon; Mary Gladys (Mamie), married Elmo Reed Blackett; Flora Priscilla, who died at the age of two and one-half years; William Warburton, married Jessie Marie Schaub; Rulon Dean, married Mildred Egbert; Luella Bell, married Andrew Whyte.

The family moved to Provo October 14, 1916, where they were all active in Church work.

Sister Hair contracted influenza during the "Flu" epidemic and died March 14, 1919.

Benjamin Hair worked as Superintendent of the farm at Utah State Hospital for many years. He filled a Stake Mission and was a High Priest.